

News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

District Three

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City Council Approves Balanced Budget

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

San Diego City Council approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2013 by a vote of 7-1 on June 11. As the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I applaud my colleagues, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin for their collaboration on the balanced \$1.15 billion General Fund budget that restores critical services and remains fiscally responsible.

The balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2013 demonstrates the tremendous progress made over the past several years through reforms done in partnership with our employees. For the first time in many years, this budget includes the restoration of core services, which reflects the priorities of San Diegans.

I am proud that the City Council was active throughout the development of the budget. Among the items I successfully championed for inclusion:

- Increasing the size of the Police Academy
- Adding a second Fire Academy

- Funding operations at the Neil Good Day Center
- Retaining the Graffiti Removal Team
- Aggressively addressing infrastructure deficits
- Adding three more hours to branch library schedules, bringing all branches from 41-44 weekly hours, and restoring five Saturday hours at the Central Library
- Increasing funds for Community Plan Updates
- Increasing cash funding of deferred capital projects by \$8.3 million for a total of \$129.1 million for FY 13 operations and maintenance
- Adding funds to the appropriated reserves for urban forestry efforts

Notably, even with the continuation and restoration of these services, the City of San Diego is living well within our means.

The budget includes increased estimates for both transient occupancy tax and sales tax base, based on collections to date this current year. Further, the budget reduces property tax revenue projections to ensure fiscal responsibility. City reserve funds remain at higher than required levels, a key indicator that has led to improved credit ratings for San Diego.

City Employees Continue to Help Strengthen Budget

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On June 18, the City Council approved the memoranda of understanding with our employee organizations. These agreements again demonstrate our employees' shared dedication to the City's fiscal strength. For most of the last decade, our employees have agreed to no pay raises. In the same timeframe, they have agreed to increased personal contributions to their benefits and pensions. These result in lower take home pay for our workers, but they have placed the City's long term financial health and services to taxpayers above their personal benefit. I ask you to recognize the sacrifices and selflessness of our City employees and thank them for their continued dedication.

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50 More District Three Streets Made Sexier in June

For someone who loves freshly paved streets perhaps more than most people, June was a good month for Councilmember Gloria because 50 streets in District Three were repaired.

District Three's communities are all at least 100 years old, and preserving them through regular maintenance is an effort worthy of investment.

In June the following roads were repaired:

1st Avenue: Laurel Street to Hawthorn Street
2nd Avenue: Laurel Street to Hawthorn Street
3rd Avenue: Washington Street to Walnut Avenue
4th Avenue: Washington Street to Walnut Avenue
5th Avenue: Laurel Street to Juniper Street
6th Avenue: Washington Street to University Avenue
28th Street: Date Street to A Street
30th Street: Upas Street to Olive Street
31st Street: Grape Street to Cedar Street
32nd Street: Hawthorn Street to Cedar Street
33rd Street: Grape Street to Fir Street
Adams Avenue: 30th Street to Bonnie Court
Bancroft Street: Ash Street to Grape Street

Councilmember Recommends Allocation of Arts Funding

As part of next year's budget, Councilmember Gloria recommended allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax funds to several worthy organizations to support their arts and culture-related efforts.

- Public Art Fund received \$10,000 to augment the previously identified \$50,000 for artwork care and conservation of City-owned art as well as for preparation of Balboa Park artwork conservation for the 2015 centennial celebration.
- Prophet World Beat Center was allocated \$4,000 for cultural programming in Balboa Park.
- I allocated \$4,000 to the Japanese Friendship Garden for its expansion project.
- San Diego Art Link received \$3,500 for its Art Around Adams event.
- South Park Business Group was allocated \$2,500 for the 2013 South Park Old House Fair.
- I provided \$2,500 to Victoria House Corporation for the 2012 North Park Toyland Parade.
- The Hillcrest Business Improvement Association received \$2,500 for the 2012 Hillcrest Hoedown and Fall Festival.
- The San Diego Asian Film Foundation was allocated \$2,500 for Youth Day and film festival access.
- The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center will benefit from \$2,500 for its exhibit renovation project and Veterans Day.

Beech Street: Felton Street to Gregory Street
Brookes Avenue: Albatross Street to 5th Avenue
Centre Street: University Avenue to Lincoln Avenue
Elm Street: Felton Street to Gregory Street
El Cajon Blvd: 33rd Street to 40th Street
Fir Street: 33rd Street to Felton Street
Front Street: W Laurel Street to W. Hawthorn Street
Grove Street: A Street to the End (north)
Grape Street: 28th Street to 30th Street
Grape Street: Fern to 33rd Street

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Water Conservation Gardens of the Month: 4300 Block of Proctor

Proctor Place is a short and quiet street in University Heights, and about half of the properties feature water-wise yards. One home was even selected as honored in the Water Agency California — Friendly Landscape Contest in 2011. Councilmember Gloria chose to honor the entire 4300 block this month and feature two of the impressive yards here. Congratulations, Proctor residents! Thanks for demonstrating that beautiful yards don't need to drain our natural resources.



What yards have caught your eye? Submit your favorite via email to toddgloria@sandiego.gov.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- A fallen tree limb was removed from the roadway near I-5 North and Pershing Drive.
- A constituent was connected with appropriate staff in the Fire-Rescue Department to receive a fire report.
- An inoperable oversized vehicle was towed from the 3900 block of Cleveland Avenue after being cited for violating the 72-hour parking regulations.
- A trailer was removed from 1800 Cordrey Court.
- Temporary stop bars and crosswalks were installed at Park Blvd. and Lincoln Ave. after the area was repaved to ensure safety until the permanent repainting occurred.
- A street light pole on Fern and Hawthorn Streets was taken out of service due to a cracked base.

Improving Infrastructure

- Public Utilities staff repaired a water pipe and restored street conditions on the 3300 block of Granada Ave. following complaints of water seepage.

Parking Improvements in Uptown

Councilmember Todd Gloria is happy to spread the word that the Uptown Community Parking District (UCPD) has lowered some of its parking meter rates in the neighborhood.

Three areas around Normal Street approved and a meter rate reduction has been completed in the following blocks:

- 3900 Normal Street (Normal Street Median): New rates are 50 cents/hour, down from \$1.25/hour
- 1600 University Avenue (north and south sides of the street) and 1200 University Avenue (south side of the street from Vermont to Richmond): New rates are 75 cents/hour, down from \$1.25/hour

Councilmember Gloria appreciates the leadership of the Uptown Community Parking District for its creative and proactive approach to managing parking in the neighborhood.

Additional upcoming projects that the group is working toward include:

- Hillcrest Shuttle Universal Validation Program and Parking App
- Five Points Curb Analysis: India Street and Washington have a shortage of available parking and the Uptown Community Parking District is in the process of surveying the area to accommodate additional spaces.
- UCSD Hospital Parking Mitigation: The spillover from employees and visitors of UCSD has impacted residents living close to the medical center. The UCPD is working with administrators to mitigate parking impacts and to increase the parking supply to the surrounding area.

- Cedar Street, from 31st Street to Gregory Street, is scheduled to have its water and sewer mains replaced between March 2014 and September 2015. The street will not be repaved prior to that project.
- Water leaks were repaired in the 3300 block of Granada Ave.
- Restriping of Cedar Street at Fern Street was expedited per the request of a neighbor.
- Repainted striping at Cedar and Fern Streets was expedited following repaving of the area.
- Public Utilities staff repaired a water pipe and restored street conditions on the 3300 block of Granada Ave. following complaints of water seepage.
- Residential property damage that occurred during construction of ADA ramps in the 3700 block of Boundary Street was repaired.

Community Character

- A complaint about alleged illegal construction and illegal business on the 1400 block of Grove Street was investigated by Neighborhood Code Compliance and referred to the City Attorney's Office for possible prosecution.
- District Three staff arranged for a dumpster for Burlingame Dumpster Days, thanks to EDCO.
- Mattresses dumped in an alley behind Bancroft Street were removed.
- District Three staff worked closely with the University Heights Community Association to facilitate logistics for a clean up on June 3.

To stay involved with Uptown parking issues, please consider participating in the following groups:

Uptown Community Parking District Board Meeting
Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.
Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92103

Bankers Hill Neighborhood Parking Committee
Meets the 1st Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.
Merrill Gardens
2567 Second Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103

Hillcrest Parking Committee
Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.
Hillcrest Business Association
3737 Fifth Avenue #202
San Diego, CA 92103

You may also contact UCPD Operations Manager directly with your thoughts and questions. Ben Verdugo can be reached at 619-664-5138. Visit the website, too: www.parkuptownsd.org.

Utility Undergrounding Update

At the June 13 Land Use and Housing Committee Meeting, members of the community, city staff, city attorney and representatives from various utility companies presented on the project details and impacts associated with the City's Utility Undergrounding Program. The hearing was very well attended and was largely a result of Councilmember Gloria's continued efforts to bring forward pertinent information and meaningful input to our communities who are experiencing utility undergrounding.

Councilmember Gloria fought strenuously to move forward with the creation of a citywide taskforce that would work to establish best practices and review guidelines for the implementation of the undergrounding program. While the Committee would not create a Utility Box Advisory Group, the utilities have pledged to work with the community through a series of workshops, the first of which will be held at the Community Planners Committee. Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/index.shtml> to check out the group's agendas.

Community News Briefs

Summer Program Helps Feed Hungry Kids

Thanks to a \$60,000 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association, the City of San Diego will be able to feed local hungry kids this summer. The programs provide free meals and snacks to children while providing wellness education for the whole family. The summer feeding programs provide meals and snacks during school summer vacation to children in San Diego's urban areas where at least half the student population is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The Park and Recreation Department provides the recreation center site locations and the staff at those locations to serve children 2-18 years old. The 28 recreation center sites, up from 21 the previous year, are open Monday through Friday for approximately two summer months. For more information, visit www.sandi.net and select School Meals, or visit www.211sandiego.org/SummerLunch.

Normal Heights Project Honored

The Madison & Cherokee Avenues Traffic Calming Project was recently awarded the 2012 Complete Streets Award by the San Diego Section American Planning Association. Congratulations to the City staff who made the project happen and to the community for benefiting from the great improvements.

State Bill to Protect City's Canyons Moves Forward

State Senate Bill (SB) 1169, which would allow the City of San Diego to dedicate 10,000 acres of open space, passed out of the Senate and is making its way through the Assembly.

The bill is sponsored by the City of San Diego and authored by State Senator Christine Kehoe, and Councilmember Todd Gloria spoke in favor of the bill in March at the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water meeting.

The canyons and other open space areas subject to the bill are all owned in fee title by the City of San Diego and have been set aside specifically as open space. By enabling their dedication, SB 1169 will give these areas an added layer of protection against the pressures of encroachment since Dedicated Open Spaces require a 2/3 vote of the electorate in order to be used for any other purpose.

Winter Homeless Shelter

Since the City identified funding to operate the Neil Good Day Center, the San Diego Housing Commission now has the flexibility, if necessary, to conduct the Single Adult Winter Shelter Program for one more year. The City will decide this summer whether or not to operate the Winter Shelter.

Street Repairs (continued from page 2)

Granada Avenue: Date Street to A Street
Haller Street: Boundary Street to northern end
Harvey Milk Street: Cleveland Avenue to Centre Street
Hawthorn Street: Beginning (west) to Fern Street
Hawthorn Street: 32nd Street to Marlton Drive
Ivy Street: Albatross Street to Front Street
Kalmia Street: 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue
Kalmia Street: 29th Street to 30th Street
Laurel Street: 32nd Street to Felton Street
Lincoln Avenue: Washington Street to Park Boulevard
Louisiana Street: Polk Avenue to University Avenue
Maple Court: 30th Street to Beginning (west)
Marlton Drive: Hawthorn Street to Grape Street
Normal Street: University Avenue to Park Boulevard
North Park Way: 29th Street to Bancroft Street
Olive Street: Nutmeg Street to 32nd Street
Oregon Street: Adams Avenue to Madison Avenue
Palm Street: 28th Street to 30th Street
Palm Street: Bancroft Street to Beginning (west)
Park Boulevard: Mission Cliff Drive to University Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue: 4th Avenue to End (west)
Pershing Avenue: Landis Street to Upas Street
Polk Avenue: Normal Street to Park Boulevard
Redwood Street: 31st Street to 32nd Street
Spruce Street: Granada Street to Dale Street
Texas Street: Madison Avenue to University Avenue

Celebrating Filipino Culture and Contributions

Councilmember Todd Gloria recently welcomed two opportunities to celebrate Filipino culture and the contributions Filipinos have made to San Diego.

On June 12, he joined Council President Tony Young in proclaiming it Filipino American Day in the City of San Diego.



Just days later, on June 18 they were joined by Mayor Jerry Sanders at the opening of the Philippine Cultural Exhibit in the lobby of the City Administration Building. The display was organized by the City's Filipino-American Employees Association and featured items reflecting art, history, and more.

"As someone of Filipino descent, it's an honor to help bring attention to my heritage," said Councilmember Gloria. "From the beauty of the culture, the deliciousness of the food, and the tremendous contributions of the people are worth of recognition and celebration."



North Park Traffic Improvements



Head-in parking on Kansas Street

Two streets in North Park have recently received ingenious improvements. The 4400 block of Kansas Street gained 16 parking spaces with the conversion to 90-degree head-in parking. The effort was made possible by the City of San Diego in partnership with the Mid-City Parking District and The Boulevard Business Improvement District. This is the second block of Kansas Street to be converted, and the changes make more efficient use of the extra wide space. Portions of Oregon Street and Utah Street are also recommended for head-in parking.

Also, road humps were added to the 3500 block of Alabama Street. The humps were requested by neighbors as a traffic calming measure, and they gathered sufficient support via petition to have the project considered. City Transportation Engineering and Fire-Rescue staff approved the installation, which was completed on June 26. Councilmember Gloria allocated \$5,737 from his Community Projects, Programs, and Services funds to complete the project.



Road humps being added to Alabama Street

Tracking Todd



Councilmember Todd Gloria and members of the Todd Squad thank the people of District Three for re-electing him to a second term.



Todd greets National Spelling Bee champ Snigdha Nandipati before she is honored by the City Council on June 19.
(Photo by KC Alfred, U-T San Diego)

City Heights FaceLift

Along with the team from LeSar Development, Todd and many members of the Todd Squad participated in City Heights FaceLift on June 9. The home was painted and the front, side and backyards were cleaned out and landscaped.

This home was one of many on Roseview Street that were adopted by the community and improved. The effort, organized by Community HousingWorks and other local groups, has made a tremendous difference on blocks throughout City Heights.

Photos courtesy of Dennis Wood.



Before



After



During

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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